

**TOWNSHIP OF CEDAR GROVE  
ESSEX COUNTY NEW JERSEY**

**JOINT COUNCIL MEETING WITH BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 27, 2018  
7:00 P.M.**

**1. ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Deputy Mayor Cicala, Mayor Tanella  
Also Present: Township Manager Tucci, Attorney Townes for Township Attorney Zielinski,  
Township Clerk Stutz

Board of Education Members Mandala, Prvulovic, Schoner, Vollero, President  
Dye, School Superintendent Fetherman and Board Secretary DeVita

Board of Education President Christine Dye conducted the meeting. President Dye led the flag salute and made the following Open Public Meeting Statement:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of, and to attend the meeting of, public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this act the Cedar Grove Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be advertised, by having the date, time, and place thereof posted on bulletin boards in the District, published and/or transmitted to the Verona-Cedar Grove Times and Star Ledger newspapers, TAPinto online news, filed with the Township Clerk, and posted on the District's web site.

President Dye explained the format for the joint meeting. President Dye further explained that the purpose of the meeting is to discuss topics of mutual interest and inform the public of instances where both public bodies are working in collaboration with each other for purposes of economy and the community. President Dye also commented on the positive relationship and spirit of co-operation between the two public bodies and respective administrative officials. The following topics were discussed: shared services, proposed multi-purpose athletic field at Leonard R. Parks School (BOE property), Hilltop Redevelopment PILOT program, and prospective discontinuance of use of schools for election polling sites.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Dye opened this portion of the meeting to anyone wishing to be heard.

Janice Tufaro; - Ms. Tufaro requested that the Board of Education hire a media specialist for Memorial Middle School.

The following persons voiced school security concerns and school/parent/student communication concerns in the aftermath of Parkland Florida school shooting and recent alleged social media threat:

Jennifer Venosky; 10 Old Quarry Rd.  
Leo Stringer; 4 Highview Terrace  
Therese Cordaro; 24 Brunswick Rd.

Nick Nesto; 15 Summit Ave.  
Regina Decoma; 2 Chapel Hill Court  
Chris Canella; Cedar Grove High School teacher and  
Elizabeth Giufrida; 12 Highfield Lane  
Kelly Reer; 204 Anderson Pkwy.  
Charlie Roussel; 26 Hillside Ave.

There being no one else present wishing to be heard, President Dye closed this portion of the meeting.

### **3. ADJOURNMENT**

There being nothing further to discuss, the joint meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. by acclain.